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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2873

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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING OPTICAL DEVICE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the June 30, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection and objections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-58 are pending in this Application.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 1-58 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0124762 (Hashimoto). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Contrary to the assertion made in the Office Action, Hashimoto fails to disclose the features of the claims, as discussed more fully below.

Claim 1 recites "forming a first spacer in a form to surround the first optical portion, and then forming a second spacer." Accordingly, the second spacer is formed after the first spacer is formed. Hashimoto, on the other hand, fails to disclose this feature. Instead, Hashimoto discloses screen printing (stencil printing), implying that the first and second